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VARIABLE FLOW RATE VALVE AND METHOD OF REDUCING WEAR

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please preliminarily amend the above captioned patent application as follows. This preliminary amendment includes the following items, which each begin on a separate sheet:

- 1. List of Claims
- 2. Remarks